

Tibetans, Christians, human rights lawyers, and Falun Gong are systematically repressed? I heard Frank Wolf say recently that in the 1980s, no firm would have dared to work for the Soviet Union—but now China's cash is too tempting to turn down even for some of my former House colleagues.

Shame. Shame. It is really a shame.

I wonder if the Congress can limit U.S. government contracts by the exact amount lobby firms receive from China, Russia, or some other authoritarian government?

That would make for some interesting business choices. Either make no profit from your dealings with China or choose to represent an increasingly repressive and authoritarian Chinese government.

No one should profit from representing authoritarian countries, particularly when they constantly seek to undermine U.S. values and interests.

Chinese officials should also not profit from their complicity in torture and arbitrary detentions. This is the exact reason the Congress passed the Global Magnitsky Act.

The Senator and I have urged the State Department to consider levying Magnitsky sanctions on officials in Xinjiang. We will continue to do so.

We urge anyone with specific and credible information about Chinese government officials complicit in human rights abuses in Xinjiang to send that information to us. We will make sure it gets to the State Department.

I also think the sanctions available in the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 should be considered, particularly broad economic sanctions targeting industries in Xinjiang that benefit China's political leaders or State-Owned Entities.

China has been designated as a "Country of Particular Concern" since 1999. That designation carries with it the possibility of economic sanctions. This lever should be used now because, in my opinion, what is happening in Xinjiang is currently the world's worst religious freedom situation.

Targeted and tough economic sanctions are the only way to convince China's leaders that they have a clear interest in ending repression of China's Muslim minorities.

There is also an important role for the UN here. I am glad that Ambassador Currie is here with us today. What is happening in Xinjiang are clear violations of international treaties in many respects.

According to the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, crimes of genocide are not confined to mass killing of an ethnic group; they also include "Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group" and "Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part."

Personal accounts from Xinjiang's re-education camps seem consistent with these definitions. We should not be ignoring the early warning signs. Actions need to be taken to prevent crimes against humanity.

I realize that China's veto on the UN Security Council will create obstacles to any UN investigation, but we should be making them use that veto, request a briefing at the Security Council, and bring together the OIC and other Muslim majority countries to raise the issue within the UN system.

At a time when the Chinese government is seeking to gain allies through its Belt and

Road initiative, it would seem the last thing they want is an international debate about their treatment of ethnic and religious minorities.

Finally, I want to commend the exemplary work of Radio Free Asia's Uyghur Service reporters. Despite threats to their families they have kept working and have provided us with an extraordinary record of events. Your courage and professionalism are admirable. Thank you.

Again, I commend Senator RUBIO for holding this important hearing to shine a light on an outrageous and horrible situation.

We all need to believe in the power of light and sunshine because evil flourishes in the dark.

CAMBODIA DEMOCRACY ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5754, the Cambodia Democracy Act of 2018. As the Republican Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Cambodia and an original cosponsor of this legislation and I believe it is critical that Congress support the people of Cambodia in their march toward democracy. I want to thank Congressman LOWENTHAL, the Democratic Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Cambodia, Chairman ROYCE, and Chairman YOHO for their work on this important legislation.

Throughout his 30-year rule, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen has routinely stifled Cambodia's progress toward democracy. Last year, he began his latest crackdown because he knew that given the chance, the Cambodian people would elect someone else. He began by uprooting civil society organizations. This included cracking down on newspapers such as the Cambodia Daily and outlets like Radio Free Asia and Voice of America as well as forcing the National Democratic Institute to leave the country. Then he started peddling the ridiculous story that the United States was trying to orchestrate a coup. Then he threw Kem Sokah—leader of the Cambodian National Rescue Party (CNRP) and his principal opponent—in prison. Hun Sen proceeded to disband the CNRP, bar its MPs from serving in public office, and cause many of them to flee into exile. Due to these crimes, there can be no doubt Cambodia's so-called elections this Sunday will not be free or fair. At present Cambodia can no longer be called a democracy, whatever its dictator wants to claim.

H.R. 5754 is simple. It would sanction those individuals who are responsible for crushing democracy in Cambodia to encourage them to reverse their actions, to show our support for the Cambodian people, and to demonstrate that we will not stand idly by when democracy is squashed around the world. I would urge my colleagues to support this measure.

CHINA AND CHINESE COMPANIES
CONTINUE TO VIOLATE U.S. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 27, 2018

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn China and Chinese companies for their continued theft and violation of United States intellectual property (IP) law.

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) conference report that was passed on Thursday by the House of Representatives missed a crucial opportunity to hold ZTE, a Chinese telecommunications company, accountable for their blatant violation of U.S. IP law.

ZTE, and other Chinese companies, either outright steal American IP and present it as their own, or blatantly refuse to pay licensing fees for the use of this IP. If ZTE broke into a warehouse in Pennsylvania and stole millions of dollars' worth of microprocessors we would certainly hold them accountable. However, we are refusing to defend IP and make clear that ZTE must abide by U.S. IP law as a requirement for doing business in the U.S.

For too long China, and Chinese companies, have blatantly stolen U.S. IP at the expense of American companies and consumers. I would ask my colleagues and the Administration to make it a priority in holding companies like ZTE accountable for the theft and violation of U.S. IP laws.

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A. BRYAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 27, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Logan A. Bryan of Waukeet, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Logan is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 178 in Waukeet and is a student at Waukeet High School.

The Eagle Scout designation is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Approximately 5 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Logan's Eagle Scout Service Project included raising funds to purchase a portable AED for use at the Walnut Creek youth baseball complex. He also held a training class for coaches and board members to learn how to use the AED in an emergency. The work ethic Logan has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Logan